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IN PAKISTAN

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1. SUMMARY. IN TWO RECENT SESSIONS UNHCR CHIEF OF MISSION GERALD WALZER COMPLETED HIS BRIEFING OF REFOFFS ON 1984 UNHCR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN. SEE RETTEL FOR FIRST BRIEFING. PARA 2 BELOW CONTAINS SUMMARY OF MAJOR LINE ITEMS IN UNHCR'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1984 DOLS 64.7 MILLION AFGHAN REFUGEE BUDGET. THIS FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE FUNDS EARMARKED FOR THE WORLD BANK INCOME-GENERATING PROJECTS. WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION OF CY 1984 PROGRAM ISSUES TOUCHED ON RENUMERATION, KEROSENE, HEALTH SERVICES, EDUCATION, WATER SUPPLY, VETERINARY SERVICES, INCOME-GENERATING ACTIVITIES, VOCATIONAL SKILL TRAINING, SUPPORT TO THE GOP FOR ITS ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, AND REFORESTATION. PARAGRAPHS 3 - 14 BELOW CONTAIN COMMENTS ON

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THESE TOPICS. REFUGEE OFFICERS WILL MONITOR UNHCR PROGRAMS IN COMING WEEKS WITH TRIPS SCHEDULED TO NWFP AND BALUCHISTAN. END SUMMARY.

2. SUMMARY OF UNHCR'S ASSISTANCE FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN. PROGRAM BUDGET FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1984, BY MAJOR LINE ITEMS:

US DOLLARS

GENERAL PROGRAMS

1. MULTIPURPOSE ASSISTANCE

(A) SUPPLEMENTARY FOOD (SUGAR,TEA)	9,189,276
(B) STORAGE FACILITIES	700,236
(C) RELIEF GOODS(TENTS,CLOTH, ETC.)	8,174,721
(D) COOKING AND HEATING REQUIREMENTS	9,682,096
(E) HEALTH SERVICES	6,188,657
(F) EDUCATION	3,459,834
(G) WATER SUPPLY	4,432,240
(H) VETERINARY SERVICES	899,507
(I) INCOME-GENERATING/SELF-HELP ACTIVITIES	4,014,476

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(J) VOCATIONAL/SKILL TRAINING	1,870,542
(K) SUPPORT TO NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICES	7,433,085
(L) REFORESTATION	1,266,542
(M) ENGINEERING CELLS/CONSTRUCTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE BLOCKS AND ACCESS ROADS	1,642,717
(N) REFUGEE MOVEMENT AND TRANSPORT	294,870
CONTINGENCY AND RESERVE FOR FURTHER PROJECTS	3,547,101

2. SUPPLEMENTARY AID	668,000
3. PROGRAM SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION	903,900

II. SPECIAL PROGRAMS

1. EDUCATION ACCOUNT	394,000
TOTAL PROGRAMS 1984	64,761,900

3. REENUMERATION: REENUMERATION EXERCISES CONTINUE AND RUMORS AROUND REGARDING SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN NWFP AND BALUCHISTAN CAMP POPULATIONS. NO FIRM FIGURES ARE IN YET. HOWEVER, AT LEAST NONE READY FOR RELEASE BY THE GOP. ALSO MENTIONED WAS CONTINUING

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MIGRATION OF AFGHAN REFUGEES INTO SIND. KARACHI IN PARTICULAR. ECONOMIC COMPETITION AND REFUGEE SQUATTER PROBLEMS THERE ARE REPORTEDLY INTENSIFYING. FIFTEEN THOUSAND REFUGEE SQUATTERS PRESENTLY OCCUPY ONE GOVERNMENT-OWNED URBAN PLOT IN KARACHI WHICH HAD BEEN SLOTTED FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ACCORDING TO WALZER.

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COOKING AND HEATING REQUIREMENTS: KEROSENE.
(CONTAINED IN BUDGET ITEM 1(D)). PROVISION OF FUEL TO
AFGHAN REFUGEES
IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE. ASIDE FROM MERELY PROVIDING
THE WHEREWITHAL FOR COOKING AND HEATING, BOTH UNHCR
AND THE GOP AIM TO MINIMIZE THE ECOLOGICAL IMPACT
THAT MORE THAN 2 MILLION IN-CAMP AFGHANS HAVE ON
BALUCHISTAN AND THE NWFP. THE REFUGEES HAVE ALREADY
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TAKEN A HEAVY TOLL, AS MEASURED IN TERMS OF FOREST
DEPLETION AND WATERSHED DAMAGE, ESPECIALLY IN THE
MORE ECOLOGICALLY FRAIL ARID ZONES. TO COUNTER THE
NEED FOR FIREWOOD THE UNHCR HAS INVESTED MORE THAN
6 MILLION DOLLARS IN KEROSENE STORAGE, UTILIZATION
AND DELIVERY INFRASTRUCTURE. EACH YEAR IT MAKES AN
APPEAL (DIRECTED MAINLY AT SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT AND
THE U.A.E.) FOR DONATIONS IN CASH OR KIND. EXPERI-
MENTS CONTINUE TOWARD EVOLVING A UTILITY COOKER WHICH

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WILL CONSERVE FUEL, BAKE, AND HEAT. PARALLEL TESTS ON A CHEAP RICE BRAN BRIQUETTE ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN AS WELL. UNTIL A BETTER SOLUTION IS FOUND, HOWEVER, UNHCR WILL MAINTAIN DISTRIBUTION OF 20 LITERS OF KEROSENE EACH MONTH TO 350,000 REFUGEE FAMILIES.

5. HEALTH SERVICES (BUDGET ITEM I(E)). UNHCR HAS FOR SOME TIME PLANNED

A SHIFT IN EMPHASIS FROM CURATIVE TO PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE MEASURES. THIS AND IMPROVED ORGANIZATION OF HEALTH SERVICES WILL CHARACTERIZE HEALTH SECTOR EFFORTS IN 1984. TB AND MALARIA WILL BE PRINCIPAL TARGETS OF THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN. MEASLES, TOO WILL BE REDUCED IF NOT ELIMINATED AMONG IN-CAMP REFUGEES AND THEIR NEAR-BY PAKISTANI NEIGHBORS. MATERNAL/CHILD HEALTH (MCH) CARE MAY REQUIRE RE-STRUCTURING. UNHCR HAS ASKED FOR OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE IN EVALUATING ON-GOING MCH PROGRAMS.

6. EDUCATION. (BUDGET ITEM I (F)). BASIC PROGRAM OF PROVIDING PRIMARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION TO 88,000 AFGHAN CHILDREN (NWFP-75,000, BALUCHISTAN-12,000, AND PUNJAB-1,000) CONTINUES. UNHCR CANNOT REACH ALL 610,000 REFUGEE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHILDREN SCATTERED THROUGHOUT PAKISTAN CAMPS BUT CONSIDERS REACHING FOURTEEN PERCENT OF THOSE CHILDREN TO BE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT GIVEN A PRE-79 AFGHAN LITERACY RATE OF ONLY FOUR PERCENT. SECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION ARE PROBLEMATIC BUT FEW DATA, SUCH AS RELIABLE TARGET POPULATION FIGURES, EXIST. MOST SECONDARY AND COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE THOUGHT TO LIVE OUTSIDE OF CAMPS AND UNHCR IS UNLIKELY TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO THEIR EDUCATION THIS YEAR.

7. WATER SUPPLY. (BUDGET ITEM I (G)). IN 1984 UNHCR WILL ENDEAVOR TO PROVIDE 25 LITERS OF CLEAN WATER TO EACH REFUGEE AND, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, TO FURNISH WATER FOR GARDENS AND FRUIT TREES. HELP IN THE FORM OF A SELF-CONTAINED MOBILE WELL-DRILLING UNIT HAS BEEN DONATED BY AUSTRALIA. THE OUTFIT INCLUDES THE DRILLING RIG, TRACTOR TRAILERS TO TRANSPORT IT, LIAISON VEHICLES (LANDCRUISERS), AND EVEN A HOUSE TRAILER FOR AUSTRALIAN DRILLING MASTER WHO WILL GET THINGS MOVING UNDER A 12-MONTH CONTRACT.

8. VETERINARY SERVICES. (BUDGET ITEM I (H)). UNHCR HOPES TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE VETERINARY COVERAGE TO AN ESTIMATED THREE MILLION HEAD OF REFUGEE LIVESTOCK AND WILL TAKE

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PARTICULAR CARE IN PREVENTING ANY OUTBREAK OF
CONTAGIOUS DISEASE AMONG REFUGEE MIGRATORY STOCK
AND POTENTIALLY AFFECTED PAKISTANI HERDS.

9. INCOME GENERATING/SELF-HELP ACTIVITIES. (BUDGET
ITEM 1 (I)). PROJECTS
ARE IN LINE WITH THE OVERALL UNHCR POLICY OF LESSENING
WHEREVER POSSIBLE REFUGEES' DEPENDENCE ON OUTSIDE AID.

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PRODUCTION OF FOOD ITEMS WILL TAKE PRIORITY, WITH
INCOME GENERATION RANKING NEXT AMONG OVERALL OBJECT-
IVES. UNDERTAKINGS RANGE FROM KITCHEN GARDENING
(50,000 FAMILIES) TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF 3200 ACRES
(1200 IN NWFP, 2000 IN BALUCHISTAN) UNDER WHAT IS
TERMED AN AGRICULTURAL FARM PROJECT SCHEME. OVER FOUR
MILLION DOLLARS HAVE BEEN BUDGETED FOR 1984 PROJECTS.
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A RURAL DEVELOPMENT BACKGROUND HAS BEEN BROUGHT ON
BOARD TO MANAGE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION.

10. VOCATIONAL SKILL TRAINING (BUDGET ITEM 1 (J)).
UNHCR'S OBJECTIVE IS TO ARRANGE VOCATIONAL TRAINING
FOR ABOUT 3400 AFGHAN REFUGEES IN 1984. IN DOING SO
EXISTING FACILITIES WILL BE USED AND OTHERS ACQUIRED.
SCHOOLS BUILT TO TEACH PASHTO-SPEAKING BOYS HOW TO
WEAVE CARPETS - A PROFESSION TRADITIONALLY LOOKED

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DOWN ON BY THE PATHANS - WILL BE USED FOR OTHER KINDS OF TRAINING. BELGIAN AND GERMAN AID MISSIONS HAVE AGREED TO ASSUME SIGNIFICANT ROLES IN THE VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTION OF REFUGEES, PARTICULARLY IN THE TRAINING OF MECHANICS AND WOOD-WORKERS. CLOSE COOPERATION THROUGHOUT IS PLANNED WITH THE GOP'S SMALL INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT BOARD (SIDB).

11. SUPPORT TO NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICES (BUDGET ITEM 1(K)). 7.43 MILLION US DOLLARS HAVE BEEN earmarked TO DEFray EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE GOP IN ADMINISTERING SERVICES TO REFUGEES. THE POSITIONS AND OFFICES OF GOP-REFUGEE AREA ADMINISTRATORS HAVE BEEN CUT FROM THE 84 BUDGET IN A MOVE TO ECONOMIZE IN THIS SECTOR, BUT IT REMAINS ONE OF THE BUDGET'S LARGEST SINGLE ITEMS.

12. REFORESTATION. (BUDGET ITEM 1(L)). IN 1984 UNHCR WILL PROCEED WITH SCHEMES TO IMPROVE GROUND WATER RECHARGE IN AREAS AFFECTED BY REFUGEES; REPLACE TREES DESTROYED BY REFUGEES AND THEIR LIVESTOCK; CHECK SOIL EROSION; AND PLANT 32 ACRES OF NURSERIES. IN THE NWFP, A BLOCK AFFORESTATION PROJECT WILL COVER 11,000 ACRES. IN BALUCHISTAN, A SCHEME WHICH ENCOMPASSES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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8,000 WATER RETARDING STRUCTURES AND 280 SMALL DAMS. 175,000 CONTOUR TRENCHES, AND 8,750 ACRES OF DRY AFFORESTATION IS BEING IMPLEMENTED.

13. PROGRAM SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION (BUDGET ITEM 3) UNHCR HAS BUDGETED USDOLS 903,900 TO COVER 1984 OPERATING COSTS OF ITS OFFICES IN PESHAWAR, ISLAMABAD AND QUETTA.

14. COMMENT. REFUGEE OFFICERS WILL BEGIN FIELD MONITORING OF 1984 UNHCR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION WITH VISITS IN COMING WEEKS TO BALUCHISTAN AND THE NWFP. END COMMENT. HINTON

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